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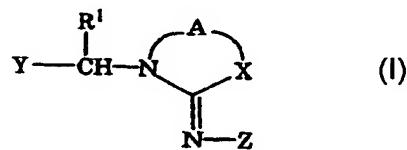
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(57) Abstract: The invention relates to a molluscicidal agent of the formula: (I) wherein R1, A, X, Y, Z are as defined in claim 1, which is especially suited for controlling snails and/or slugs. Preferably the compound is thiacloprid. The invention further relates to methods of preventing mollusc-related damage to a plant and/or for controlling a mollusc in horticulture or agriculture in which an effective amount of a molluscicidal agent of the invention is brought into contact with the mollusc.